

A meeting of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee was held on Monday, December 19, 2011, at 9:05 a.m. in CCRI's board room in Warwick.

Present: ASAC: Joan Abrams; Antonio Barajas; Tom Rockett; Jane Sherman; Jay Walsh (Chair)

URI: Donald DeHayes, provost; Tom Dougan, vice president for student affairs; Dean Libutti, vice provost; Denice Spero, research professor and co-director, Institute for Immunology and Informatics

RIC: David Espinosa, Associate Professor of History; James Magyar, Professor of Chemistry; Gary Penfield, vice president for student affairs; Ron Pitt, vice president for academic affairs; Holly Shadoian, assistant vice president for academic affairs; Earl Simson, dean of arts and sciences

CCRI: Deb Aiken, associate dean of enrollment services; Lela Morgan, vice president for academic affairs; Ron Schertz, associate vice president for student services; Peter Woodberry, dean of business, science and technology

RIOHE: Judith A. Brissette, consultant; Ray M. Di Pasquale, commissioner; Deborah Grossman-Garber, associate commissioner for academic policy and planning; Susan LaPanne, associate commissioner for finance & management; Deanna Velletri, executive assistant

Guests: Pete Sawyer, owner, Nationwide Diesel Technologies, Inc.

Absent:

1. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of October 14, 2011

Associate Commissioner Deborah Grossman-Garber noted that the draft minutes from the October 14, 2011 meeting (item 6, page 3) incorrectly state that \$900M in CACG funding would be dedicated to postsecondary access and persistence program. The correct amount is \$900K.

ON A MOTION DULY MADE AND SECONDED, IT WAS

VOTED: THAT the Academic and Student Affairs Committee approves the minutes of the meeting of October 14, 2009, with the above revision.

VOTE: 5 members voted in the affirmative, and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Abrams, Barajas, Rockett, Sherman, Walsh

NEAS: 0

2. Chair's Report

Chair Jay Walsh welcomed committee members and guests and gave a brief overview of the agenda. He updated committee members about recent approvals by the RIBGHE, including URI's acute care

nurse practitioner track within the Master of Science (M.S.) in nursing degree and RIC's title change of the acute care/critical care track within the Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.) degree program and expansion of the program to include the nurse practitioner role for the adult/acute care track. He also informed the committee that the Quality, Continuous Improvement and Innovation Committee (QCIIIC) is actively engaged in matters that relate to the work of the ASAC and that he hopes the two committees will interact toward common goals.

3. Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Ray Di Pasquale excused himself in advance of leaving early to attend a press conference announcing the award of \$50M to Rhode Island for early childhood education. He said the CCRI pre-school will benefit directly from these funds. He also notified the committee that he attended the Department of Administration budget hearing on Friday, December 16th. He said it was a positive meeting with a healthy discussion. He said that although the governor has been supportive of higher education, he cannot predict the outcome of the budget under such difficult circumstances since there is still the \$150M deficit.

4. Approval of a Proposal from the University of Rhode Island for the Permanent Establishment of the Institute for Immunology and Informatics

Provost Don DeHayes explained that the Institute for Immunology and Informatics (I'Cubed) at URI has been operating for the past three years on a temporary basis providing research and innovation on a local and global level. He introduced Denice Spero, research professor and co-director of I'Cubed to talk about the Institute and answer any questions. Governor Sherman questioned year 3 of the organizational budget because it is significantly higher than years 1 and 2. She said she wants to ensure that we are not approving an increased state commitment. The increase shown over time is not from the university's general fund budget. Because I'Cubed is a very successful, externally funded (i.e., grants and contracts) enterprise that relies on external funds for its operation, the university made a decision to return a portion of the overhead funds that I'Cubed generates from its grants back to the institute as an investment. The overhead funds are provided by the granting agencies. Overhead return represent the increased funding line that was noted at the meeting. The Institute expects to receive additional grants.

Committee members asked engaging questions. Responses included –
--Students will receive credit for work performed at the I'Cubed.
--Human testing will be conducted.
--Licensing revenue is expected eventually.

ON A MOTION DULY MADE AND SECONDED, IT WAS VOTED:

THAT – the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the request from the University of Rhode Island for permanent establishment of the Institute for Immunology and Informatics.

VOTE: 5 members voted in the affirmative, and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Abrams, Barajas, Rockett, Sherman, Walsh

NEAS: 0

5. Approval of a Proposal from Rhode Island College for Revisions to its General Education Program

Vice President for Academic Affairs Ron Pitt explained the general education revision process as one of the most disruptive and difficult for any institution, since every faculty member has a different idea of what a general education program should entail. He said the current general education program at RIC dates back to 1992. Professor James Magyar said the revision process began in August 2010 and involved consulting RIC's 2015 Vision Statement and NEASC's Standards for General Education. He said reports were made to RIC's general education committee, and faculty forums were held to elicit comments. He said transfer expectations from the old program will be honored in the new program. Professor Espinosa, who served as a member of the task force, said that it was a faculty-driven and open process that started with a list of learning outcomes. Governor Abrams said that she envisions every course being re-evaluated against the learning outcomes in order to include it in the distribution of general education courses. Earl Simson said that the new general education program will draw connections across time, culture and disciplines, so that a student can take different disciplinary approaches to the same topics.

Chair Walsh inquired about a student's ability to see the "thread of purpose." Vice President Pitt responded that the general education program will be supported via web-based documents and academic advisement.

ON A MOTION DULY MADE AND SECONDED, IT WAS VOTED:

THAT the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education approve a request from Rhode Island College to implement a substantive revision of the College's general education program; and

THAT key general education representatives from each of the three public institutions meet with Office of Higher Education staff on a semi-annual basis to resolve transfer and articulation issues that may arise for students transferring from one RI public institution to another.

VOTE: 5 members voted in the affirmative, and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Abrams, Barajas, Rockett, Sherman, Walsh

NEAS: 0

6. Approval of the Voluntary Closure of the Trades Training Center of Rhode Island

Dr. Judith A. Brissette, a consultant for the RIOHE who reviews proprietary school matters among other things, said that the Trades Training Center (TTC) of Rhode Island was officially formed in June 2011 as a second site of the current proprietary school, Nationwide Diesel Technologies, based on a working relationship formed with Electric Boat (EB). Due to the economic downturn EB has been unable to supply TTC with the students necessary to operate the school. It is therefore necessary for owner/operator Peter Sawyer to close the Quonset Point location in order to keep from sapping resources from its successful Nationwide school currently operating in Smithfield. Mr. Sawyer was in attendance and available to answer questions. He thanked the committee for their support of small

businesses, and he thanked the staff for their support as well. Board and committee members wished Mr. Sawyer well and wished his Smithfield operation continued success.

THAT the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the voluntary closure of The Trades Training Center of Rhode Island, located in Quonset, Rhode Island

VOTE: 5 members voted in the affirmative, and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Abrams, Barajas, Rockett, Sherman, Walsh

NEAS: 0

7. Presentation on 2011-2012 Student Enrollments and Admission at CCRI, RIC and URI

**FALL 2011 ADMISSION DATA FOR THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF RHODE ISLAND,
 RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE AND THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND**

Community College of Rhode Island -- Fall 2011						
Undergrad Student Type		Applications	Acceptances	Acceptance Rate	Enrolled	Yield
Freshmen		7,461	7,438	99.7%	4,024	54.1%
Transfers		1,118	1,114	99.6%	482	43.3%
In-State	All	7,736	7,712	99.7%	4,251	55.1%
	Freshmen	6,880	6,858	99.7%	3,840	56.0%
	Transfers	856	854	99.8%	411	48.1%
Out-of-State	All	843	840	99.6%	255	30.4%
	Freshmen	581	580	99.8%	184	31.7%
	Transfers	262	260	99.2%	71	27.3%
All Students		8,579	8,552	99.7%	4,506	52.7%

Note: CCRI does not require deposits. Students either pay in full or are dropped somewhere around the start of classes.

Rhode Island College -- Fall 2011								
Undergrad Student Type		Applications	Acceptances	Acceptance Rate	Paid Deposits	Rate	Enrolled	Yield
Freshmen		3,349	2,445	73.0%	1,102	45.1%	1,006	41.1%
Transfers		1,470	1,200	81.6%	945	78.8%	811	67.6%
Readmits		157	136	86.6%	136	100%	93	68.4%
In-State	All	3,396	2,612	76.9%	1,800	68.9%	1,583	60.6%
	Freshmen	2,104	1,542	73.3%	878	56.9%	801	51.9%
	Transfers	1,148	945	82.3%	797	84.3%	694	73.4%
	Readmits	144	125	86.8%	125	100%	88	70.4%
Out-of-State	All	1,580	1,169	74.0%	383	32.8%	327	28.0%
	Freshmen	1,275	903	70.8%	224	24.8%	205	22.7%
	Transfers	322	255	79.2%	148	58.0%	117	45.9%
	Readmits	13	11	84.6%	11	100%	5	45.5%
All		4,976	3,781	76.0%	2,183	57.7%	1,910	50.5%

University of Rhode Island -- Fall 2011								
Undergrad Student Type		Applications	Acceptances	Acceptance Rate	Paid Deposits	Rate	Enrolled	Yield
Freshmen		20,017	15,429	77.1%	3,442	22.3%	3,131	20%
Transfers		1,365	882	64.6%	599	67.9%	531	60%
In-State	All	4,808	3,654	76.0%	1,904	52.1%	1,812	49.6%
	Freshmen	4,130	3,160	76.5%	1,500	47.5%	1,414	44.7%
	Transfers	678	494	72.9%	404	81.8%	398	80.6%
Out-of-State	All	16,574	12,657	76.4%	2,137	16.9%	1,850	14.6%
	Freshmen	15,887	12,269	77.2%	1,942	15.8%	1,717	14.0%
	Transfers	687	388	56.5%	195	50.3%	133	34.3%
All		21,382	16,311	76.3%	4,041	24.8%	3,662	22.5%

**SUMMARIZED FALL 2011 ADMISSION DATA FOR THE SYSTEM OF
 PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION IN RHODE ISLAND**

(COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF RHODE ISLAND, RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND)

System -- Fall 2011								
Undergrad Student Type		Applications	Acceptances	Acceptance Rate	Paid Deposits*	Rate*	Enrolled	Yield
Freshmen		30,827	25,312	82.1%	4,544	17.9%	8,161	32.2%
Transfers		3,953	3,196	80.8%	1,544	48.3%	1,824	57.1%
Readmits		157	136	86.6%	136	100%	93	68.4%
In-State	All	15,940	13,978	87.7%	3,704	26.5%	7,646	54.7%
	Freshmen	13,114	11,560	88.1%	2,378	20.6%	6,055	52.4%
	Transfers	2,682	2,293	85.5%	1,201	52.4%	1,503	65.5%
	Readmits	144	125	86.8%	125	100%	88	70.4%
Out-of-State	All	18,997	14,666	77.2%	2,520	17.2%	2,432	16.6%
	Freshmen	17,743	13,752	77.5%	2,166	15.7%	2,106	15.3%
	Transfers	1,271	903	71.0%	343	38.0%	321	35.5%
	Readmits	13	11	84.6%	11	100%	5	45.4%
All		34,937	28,644	82.0%	6,224	21.7%	10,078	35.2%

* CCRI does not require deposits and, therefore, is not included in these calculations.

**SUMMARIZED 2011 FALL HEADCOUNT ENROLLMENT FOR THE SYSTEM OF
PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION IN RHODE ISLAND**

(COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF RHODE ISLAND, RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND)

Total Fall Headcount Enrollment, 2011-2012*							
Institution	Year					Five-year change	
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Number	Percent
Community College of RI	16,811	17,612	17,760	17,775	17,893	+1,082	6.4%
Rhode Island College	8,947	9,085	9,260	9,155	9,044	+97	1.1%
University of Rhode Island	15,650	15,904	16,392	16,294	16,317	+667	4.3%
System Total	41,408	42,601	43,412	43,224	43,254	+1,846	4.4%

* **Headcount** refers to the number of students enrolled in an educational institution without regard to the number of credit hours being taken by the student. Headcount enrollment, therefore, does not distinguish between full-time and part-time students.

8. **Other Matters**

9. **Adjournment**

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